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SUBJECT: ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDUM, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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1. VICE-CHAIRMAN OF INTERKOSMOS, V.S. VERESHCHETIN CONFIRMED TO SCICOUNS THAT ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WILL BE HELD IN MAY, BUT STATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAY MEETING BETWEEN NASA AND INTERKOSMOS. HE FURTHER STATED ALL THIS HAS BEEN SETTLED BETWEEN DR. LOW AND ACADEMICIAN PETROV DURING PETROV'S RECENT TRIP TO THE US. VERESHCHETIN DID SAY THAT SOME MAY MEETINGS OF THE WORLD OCEAN AGREEMENT MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED. EMBASSY HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND UNAWARE OF VINOGRADOV COMMUNICATION MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. VERESHCHETIN WAS QUITE SENSITIVE ON ABOVE SUBJECT WHICH HE CONSIDERS AN INTERNAL ACADEMY AFFAIR. IN A RECENT CALL OF DCM ON ACADEMICIAN PETROV ON FEBRUARY 25 (SEE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, POUCHED TO ARMITAGE, POLANSKY, GANLEY AND FRUTKIN) THE ELECTION SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY INTERKOSMOS CHAIRMAN PETROV IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING NASA MEETING. PETROV STATED THAT MAY IS A MOST INCONVENIENT TIME TO DISCUSS NEW
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PROJECTS AND THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMITMENT TO NEW PROGRAMS

WILL BE POSSIBLE BEFORE THE NEW PRESIDUM TAKES OFFICE.
THE MANDATE OF PRESENT PRESIDUM EXPIRES END OF MAY.
PETROV SAID THAT THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS EIGHT VACANCIES
IN THE PRESIDUM.

3. REGULAR GENERAL MEETING OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES USSR
(AN SSSR) OPENED MARCH 4 OF THIS YEAR.

4. VINOGRADOV'S ASSERTION THAT 250TH JUBILEE SESSION
WILL BE HELD IN MAY CONFLICTS WITH CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE
DECREE PUBLISHED IN MARCH 20 PRAVDA WHICH SETS
OCTOBER DATE. SUGGEST THAT INR/OIL-RICHARD SECREST BE
CONTACTED FOR HISTORICAL RECORD ON AN SSSR
GENERAL MEETINGS.
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